GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
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SARDAR SAROVAR PROJECT
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of Sardar Sarovar Project alongwith the funds allocation and spent on its construction work so far;

(b) whether any request has been received from concerned States including Gujarat by the Union Government regarding this project works during the last three years; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and action taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (c) Sardar Sarovar Dam height has been effectively raised to its crest level 121.92 m. All the six units of River Bed Power House (RBPH) (6x200 Megawatts) and five units of Canal Head Power House (CHPH) (5x50 Megawatts) have been commissioned. The Narmada Main Canal has been completed up to 357.196 km (out of total length of 458.318 km up to Gujarat- Rajasthan border) except two major structures falling within km 263.165 to km 357.196. The construction work in NMC from km 357.196 to km 458.318 is in advanced stage by the State Government. The Command Area Development work has been completed in 276562 ha till August 2007. The cumulative expenditure on construction work of Sardar Sarovar Project in Gujarat as reported by the Sardar Sarovar Narmada Nigam Ltd. till August 2007 after allocation of common expenditure is Rs.24562.53 crore.

Irrigation is a State subject and planning, execution, and funding of the projects is within the purview of State Government. On the request of State Government, the project has been included in Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme(AIBP) since 1996-97 and so far, Central Assistance amounting to Rs.4887.7385 crore has been released in favour of the project in the form of loan/grant. On the basis of demand received from State Government of Gujarat and in view of AIBP guidelines in force from time to time, grant amounting to Rs.471.8885 crore has been released to the State during last three years. In addition to above an amount of Rs. 74.77 crore has been released to the State for the project so far under the Command Area Development and Water Management Programme.